



CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

MEMBERS

William Zaskey, Chairman
Shane Brooks, Vice-Chairman
James Tillotson
George Moreau
Dino Brunetti
John Vieau
Fred Krampits

MINUTES
February 16, 2010

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present Zaskey, Zygarowski, Tillotson, Moreau, Brunetti, (arrived 6:20), Krampits.

Absent Belair

Also Present Councilor LaFlamme, Councilor Demers, Councilor Swider, Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Stephen Burkott (Fire Chief)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

ITEM #1

ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF TWENTY THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$23,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS APPROPRIATED TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED ACCOUNT:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SALARY ACCOUNT FOR DIRECTOR
(ACCT # 12910001-514010)

SAID AMOUNT IS TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE UNDERSIGNED FUND BALANCE "FREE CASH" ACCOUNT.

Chief Burkott stated that he supports filling this position. The Emergency Manager would be responsible for many duties such as grant writing etc. Chief Burkott primarily inherited the position back in 2003. The duties also fall on the Fire Department.

Councilor Swider questioned does this position become a Department Head?

Councilor Zaskey questioned what type of grants would this person go after?

Councilor Zygarowski question to Chief Burkott how many employees do we have in our Fire Prevention Department? Chief Burkott replied there are two employees.

Councilor LaFlamme questioned is the Emergency Management Department itself located at the Fire Department?

Moreau stated if we secure the grant would that be part of rehabbing the office.

Councilor Tillotson stated that this is no longer funded 50/50 by the state. Job description hasn't changed since 2006. I don't think \$23,000.00 is needed for the position. Don't see taking anything more out of the "free cash account" than needed.

Tillotson motioned to

1. Return to the Mayor.
2. Department Head Position?
3. Starting Salary.
4. Date of Appointment.
5. Exact Amount of Salary Necessary from Free Cash Account.

Committee Vote: 6-0 approved.

ITEM #2

Minutes – December 15, 2009. Motion made to accept. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.